Supernatural; any angel (/any angel); The Marriage of Virtue and Viciousness (novel by Greg Stolze).

R, Raphael/Balthazar, Season 6 AU. \o/

Raphael slams into her prey, forcing him to the ground and holding his arms as he tries to struggle free.

"Wayward son of mine, your freedom is over," Raphael snarls, trapping Grace and binding Balthazar to his vessel for the time being. "You failed in your duties, and this cannot stand."

"Ra-"

"Quiet," she cuts him off, and glares down at him. "Your creation was a mistake, nearly as bad as a mistake as Castiel's creation."

Balthazar smiles feebly at her. "Yet we still exist."

"He will not." Raphael leans down and kisses him, pouring her Grace through him as she burns and binds him to her will, threatening to reclaim what was once entirely *hers* but stopping before that, leaving Balthazar alive.

He pants, helplessly.

"I have one condition for your freedom to be renewed, and if you fail this I will take you back into myself," she says, and watches him focus. "Capture Castiel. I do not care if he is alive or dead when you bring him to me."

She watches him weigh loyalties and survival and she watches his eyes harden.

"The debt between us was settled," Balthazar says at last. "I'll do it."

Raphael nods and leaves another portion of herself in Balthazar to keep him leashed before she lets him go.

It burns as always to tear herself in so many directions, but Raphael is long used to that pain.